

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, yesterday India's Parliament held a confidence vote on Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's majority coalition. Prime Minister Singh's majority prevailed. This is good news for the U.S.-India civilian nuclear agreement that is currently under consideration by the International Atomic Energy Agency and Nuclear Suppliers Group.

A minority party of the Indian Parliament called for the vote in opposition to Prime Minister Singh's decision to send the nuclear agreement to the IAEA for consideration. Yesterday's victory provides a political mandate for the agreement between the United States and India which will strengthen our partnership as well as further the advancement of nuclear energy, which is good jobs and stable power for the people of India.

As the citizens of my home State of South Carolina know, nuclear energy is a clean and renewable energy source. For over 30 years, over 50 percent of electricity generated in our State has come from nuclear power.

As a long-time supporter of the civilian nuclear agreement, I am grateful that we will continue to step closer to having the agreement implemented.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th.

LIHEAP

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. In the face of rising demand for help with home energy costs, the Ohio Department of Development reports that it has \$17 million less than last year to help low-income households pay energy bills. Cuyahoga County was forced to cut assistance checks this summer from \$175 to \$100.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds have helped millions of Americans stay cool in the summer and warm in the winter. However, LIHEAP dollars have been stretched to the breaking point as more and more people find it impossible to pay their energy bills. It's outrageous that the most vulnerable Americans—children, the disabled, and elderly—go hungry and develop long-term health problems as the profits of oil and other energy companies skyrocket.

I support a second stimulus package that includes \$3.12 billion for the LIHEAP program. But I believe we must also redouble our efforts to address the economic policies that create and perpetuate energy insecurity.

Support a second stimulus package for these Americans who rely on the LIHEAP program.

THE CITY BY THE BAY CATERS TO CRIMINAL ILLEGALS

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, I bring you an update from the City by the Bay. San Francisco recently spent \$50 million proudly advertising that it was a sanctuary city. I now give you the results of this very successful PR campaign, because it has worked.

This week's example is illegal Edwin Ramos. He loves San Francisco because even though he has been arrested twice for felonies, the compassionate folks of San Francisco never wanted him deported back to El Salvador. So he stuck around, got arrested for a gun charge this spring, and still wasn't sent home.

So last week he got a bit of road rage and gunned down Anthony Bologna and his two sons, Matthew and Michael, while they were returning from a family picnic. Mrs. Bologna blames the city for the murders because it "caters to illegals". I hope the mayor of San Francisco is proud of his sanctuary policy for illegals because it's cost three lives.

Mrs. Bologna should have a wrongful death cause of action against the City of San Francisco, especially the mayor, for its sanctuary policy. And Congress should prohibit all Federal funds from going to cities like San Francisco that proudly ignore American immigration laws and welcome foreign outlaws like Ramos.

And that's just the way it is.

RELEASE OIL FROM SPR TO BRING DOWN PRICES TODAY

(Mr. ARCURI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, Americans are paying the price for President Bush's lack of an energy policy. It's this lack of a policy that has produced record prices for consumers and record profits for Big Oil. This President has the authority to send oil into the American market by opening the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, an action that would put oil on the market in 13 days and would provide relief at the pump immediately.

But instead of providing American drivers with relief from \$4-a-gallon gas, the administration has decided instead to give their friends in Big Oil one last gift before they leave office. The President's action to lift the offshore drilling moratorium will do nothing to lower prices at the pump now. In fact, his own Energy Information Administration says opening up new areas for drilling won't lower gas prices for 20 years, and even then by only a couple of pennies.

Madam Speaker, deploying some oil from the Reserve would increase the supply of oil and help bring down the

cost of gasoline. With so many Americans struggling in today's economy, it's time President Bush stands up for consumers and taps into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

A MORE RESPONSIBLE APPROACH TO THE HOUSING AND FINANCIAL MARKETS IS NEEDED

(Mr. NEUGEBAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, later today the House will consider legislation that will negatively impact our Nation's housing and financial markets, not to mention the taxpayers, for years to come.

The majority has combined some reforms that are long overdue. One of those is to make Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae have a stronger regulator and to modernize FHA to make it relevant and more effective for borrowers across our country. Unfortunately, this bill also includes provisions that would put the taxpayers on the hook for people that may have borrowed money that they shouldn't have borrowed and for lenders that made loans that shouldn't have been made. It also diverts billions of dollars from Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae at a time when we're saying that they may not be adequately capitalized.

Madam Speaker, at a time when Americans are having a hard time making their mortgage payments and dealing with high food prices, they do not want to be saddled with their neighbor's house payment.

I urge my colleagues to defeat this legislation.

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DEMOCRATS URGE PRESIDENT TO RELEASE OIL FROM THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

(Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, since President Bush took office, the price of oil has skyrocketed from \$30 a barrel to a recent high of \$150 a barrel. These prices are debilitating millions of American families who can't even afford to go to the grocery store.

Two months ago, Congress forced the President to take action and stop filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which is already at its highest levels ever. On July 1 we stopped putting oil into the reserve, which could lower prices at the pump anywhere from 10 to 25 cents. This action will have real results for the American people.

And now Democrats are urging the President to release oil from that reserve to provide additional assistance right now to American consumers.

Some say that we should only use oil from the reserve in an emergency.